

## The Dresden Experience



Come and experience Dresden for yourself, in the form of **five event-packed days** in this splendid city on the River Elbe. We are expecting 100,000 visitors to come to the 33rd German Protestant Kirchentag. Saxony is hosting the Kirchentag for the second time since the peaceful revolution of 1989. There are plenty of good memories which will be a link back to the Leipzig Kirchentag in 1997.

Dresden stands for **reconciliation and peace**. In the 1980s the city was a centre of the church-based peace movement, in the 1990s it was the scene of the re-building of the Frauenkirche (Church of our Lady) – a striking sign of Christian commitment.

Dresden is a **city of music**. The Saxon State Orchestra, the Semper Opera House, the Philharmonie Orchestra and the Kreuzchor boys' choir all bear witness to a lively cultural life. But Dresden is also characterised by its festivals, a great jazz tradition and a youth culture scene.

Dresden has been and still remains very much a **city belonging to its citizens**. This also includes debates and conflicts, such as that over the building of the new bridge across the Elbe, or a common commitment to action against the activities of the neo-Nazis.

Dresden is a **city of history** and yet has a young image. Whether you are walking along the Brühlscher Terrace with its magnificent views, relaxing on the Elbe Meadows or having fun in the lively New Town – you will find Dresden a congenial place. Its big university, renowned institutes and large student population give an attractive, forward-looking profile to the city.

**Join us in Dresden to celebrate this Kirchentag in the centre of Saxony, in the heart of Europe!**

## Practical information

### Fee for active participation

For the following areas:

- music/theatre/cabaret
- worship workshop
- church music concerts
- choirs and brass bands

**EUR 24** per person

### Fee for visitors to the Kirchentag

Kirchentag admission pass:

**EUR 89**

Concessions: **EUR 49**

Family ticket: **EUR 138**

Day ticket: **EUR 28**

Concession day ticket: **EUR 17**

### Accommodation

The Kirchentag offers to arrange free private or communal accommodation  
Administration fee **EUR 19**

### Registration for visitors

From autumn 2010

### Further information

[www.kirchentag.de/english](http://www.kirchentag.de/english)

Please let us know if you wish to receive the application documents by post, indicating in which area you wish to contribute.

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33rd German Protestant Kirchentag

Invitation to contribute



1 to 5 June 2011 in Dresden

Wel come!



The 33rd German Protestant Kirchentag will be taking place from 1st to 5th June 2011 in Dresden.

You are warmly invited to come and join in this **celebration** of faith, **festival** of participation and **forum** for lively debates. Here you can experience stimulating discussions, good music and spiritual heights. You will meet friends from Germany, Europe and the whole world. Catch the **Kirchentag spirit!**

### ... there your heart will be also

We have the certainty of being people who are loved by God and of being able to pass on this love with all our heart. And so it is that Jesus asks us the fundamental question: what is the main direction of your life? Are you collecting treasure in heaven, or are you collecting treasure on earth?

Responsibility is laid in the heart of every individual person. In the Bible the heart is always the organ of both planning and action. With this text taken from the Sermon on the Mount, we come very close to the decisions which Jesus urges us to take: what lies closest to our heart? Whom do we have the heart and courage to stand up for? To whom does our heart go out?

**.... where your heart is, will decide the future**

Come to Dresden! Come with hearts, hands and voices! **We look forward to seeing you!**



Katrin Göring-Eckardt  
Kirchentag President

Dr. Ellen Ueberschär  
General Secretary





Every Kirchentag is brought to life by those who help to make it happen. Without the active participation of tens of thousands of people, this biennial, nation-wide event would not be what it is. A Kirchentag is **the work of many people** who spend many months in a voluntary and unpaid capacity preparing to play their part in the programme.

#### Help us to create the 2011 Kirchentag in Dresden

Be inspired by the theme "... there your heart will be also" and get involved in something that lies dear to your heart – and which you enjoy.

The Kirchentag offers a space for all kinds of concerns, commitments and contributions. In this leaflet you will discover ways in which you can work with us and help to shape the Kirchentag. Further details (in German) can be found at [www.kirchentag.de/mitwirken](http://www.kirchentag.de/mitwirken)

#### Environmentally friendly

The Kirchentag is one of the most environmentally-friendly large events in Germany. But there is still a lot more to do. It is our aim to reduce the burden on the climate even further. We need your support to achieve this:

- Only use organic products – e.g for food or textiles
- Avoid rubbish/litter
- Reduce your carbon footprint in advance

Further information about our environmental strategy and **climate protection project:** [www.kirchentag.de/umwelt](http://www.kirchentag.de/umwelt)



#### Market of Opportunities

The Market of Opportunities offers an ideal platform for organisations, groups and initiatives from both church and society to present their work and to network among themselves. If you have ideas and are creating projects about how we can make changes for ourselves, our Church, our country, our world, then come and present your concerns here at the largest Marketplace for civil society groups and organisations in Germany.

**Closing date for applications: 30 September 2010**  
**Application form** (in German): [www.kirchentag.de/mdm](http://www.kirchentag.de/mdm)  
**Enquiries to:** [mdm@kirchentag.de](mailto:mdm@kirchentag.de)

#### Group fees for the Market of Opportunities:

**Stand type A** (small):  
**EUR 295** including 8 staff admission passes  
**Stand type B** (large):  
**EUR 995** including 12 staff admission passes



#### Display Area

("Messe im Markt")  
 The display area in the Marketplace is a place where those involved in church-related agencies and associations, service providers working for the church and church institutions, sponsors of the Kirchentag, as well as church-related media bodies can make presentations of their activities.

**Closing date for applications: 30 November 2010**  
**Application form** (in German): [www.kirchentag.de/mim](http://www.kirchentag.de/mim)  
**Enquiries to:** [mim@kirchentag.de](mailto:mim@kirchentag.de)

#### Music/Theatre/Cabaret

Attention all performers and artists! A whole variety of artistic offerings are going to set the tone for the Kirchentag in Dresden. You, too, can be in on the act. Whether it be theatre, cabaret, musical show, circus, (liturgical) dance, performance art, rock, pop, Gospel, jazz or soul: at the Kirchentag you will have a chance to reach an audience coming from all over Germany. In addition you will be able to make contact with and get



to know fellow artists across national and international borders.

**Closing date for applications: 30 September 2010**  
**Application form** (in German): [www.kirchentag.de/mtk](http://www.kirchentag.de/mtk)  
**Enquiries to:** [mtk@kirchentag.de](mailto:mtk@kirchentag.de)

#### Worship Workshop

Do you celebrate new forms of worship – perhaps in unaccustomed places or at different times?

The Worship Workshop offers an invitation to church congregations and groups who are aiming to develop and stimulate the local worship scene. Bring your imaginative ideas with you to Dresden. Make use of the Kirchentag as a beneficial and exciting experiential field, join the network "Living Liturgy" and pick up a whole range of stimulating ideas that you can take back with you into the day-to-day life of your church.

**Closing date for applications: 30 September 2010**  
**Application form** (in German): [www.kirchentag.de/gottesdienst](http://www.kirchentag.de/gottesdienst)  
**Enquiries to:** [gottesdienst@kirchentag.de](mailto:gottesdienst@kirchentag.de)

#### Church music concerts

The Kirchentag is brought alive by music in the widest possible range of styles. You can play a part in the programme in Dresden with your ensemble, your choir or any other group of musicians. Right from the start the Kirchentag programme includes all kinds of music, whether classical, contemporary or experimental. Send us your application to take part with your project, so that the 2011 Kirchentag will once again be musically colourful and varied.

**Closing date for applications: 30 September 2010**  
**Application form** (in German): [www.kirchentag.de/kirchenmusik](http://www.kirchentag.de/kirchenmusik)  
**Enquiries to:** [kirchenmusik@kirchentag.de](mailto:kirchenmusik@kirchentag.de)

#### Brass bands and choirs

One of the greatest experiences of the Kirchentag is all the singing and music-making from choirs and bands – going on all over the city, in the open air, or accompanying sessions or worship. Here music becomes lively and stirring, fresh and powerful. "Sing new songs, celebrate with horns and trumpets" the psalms tell us. Whether you sing tenor or alto, play the tuba or the horn – you are warmly invited to participate.

**Closing date for pre-registration: 30 November 2010**  
**Pre-registration to:** [www.kirchentag.de/choere](http://www.kirchentag.de/choere)  
**Enquiries to:** [choere@kirchentag.de](mailto:choere@kirchentag.de)



The Kirchentag in Dresden will get to grips with pressing topics of the day and ask questions such as: how do we strengthen **democracy** in a time of changing demography? How do we create **justice** in the face of all-embracing crisis? What steps can individuals take to protect the environment? How can work be shared out in a better way? Dresden is a **bridge to central and eastern Europe** – and this will be demonstrated at the Kirchentag in a special Centre. **Faith** means both **responsibility** and **affirmation**: How do we spell out the alphabet of faith? The Kirchentag is a place where Protestant Church life is demonstrated in dialogue and in prayer, in silence and in joyfulness.

#### The biblical passages will focus on Jesus' Sermon on the Mount

**Opening Services:** Matthew 6: 19-21

*For where your treasure is...*

**Closing Service:** Matthew 6: 9-13

*The Lord's Prayer*

**Bible Study Thursday:** Matthew 5: 1-12

*The Beatitudes*

**Bible Study Saturday:** Matthew 6: 19-34

*Collecting treasures and worries*

#### Reflection on the Sermon on the Mount is complemented by Old Testament texts:

**Bible Study Friday:** Deuteronomy 30: 6-20

*The word – very close to you*

**Celebration Communion Services:** Ruth 1

*Where you go, I will go*

**Kirchentag Psalm:** Psalm 146

*God sets the prisoners free*